X-Ray Machines at Airports in Madhya Pradesh

†873. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether X-ray machines for checking of luggage from security point of view are available at all the airports of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether these machines are out of order at many airports;

(c) if so, since when; and

(d) what steps Government are taking for ensuring the safety aspects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) X-ray Baggage Inspection machines are available at all the operational airports in Madhya Pradesh i.e. Bhopal, Khajuraho, Gwalior, Indore and Jabalpur airports.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In the last two years, a total number of 278 new X-ray machines have been deployed and installed at various airports in the country including the airports in Madhya Pradesh. As such, all the machines have been replaced with the latest state-of-art colour X-ray machines.

Operation of New Aircrafts

874. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the details to acquire new Aircrafts for Indian Airlines and Air India recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when they will be ready for operational purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its 61st meeting held on 27th March, 2002 approved the

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